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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-187838

DATE: November 26, 1976

MATTER OF: National Federation of Federal Employees

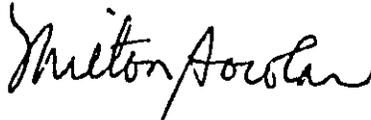
DIGEST:

Protest based on contention that procurement for services which could be performed at less cost by federal employees and therefore in violation of provisions of OMB Circular A-76 is dismissed as not being appropriate for resolution by GAO.

The National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) protests an award of a contract by the United States Air Force (AF) to Lear Siegler, Inc., Management Services Division. The contract is for corrosion control services which NFFE contends could be performed by federal employees at less cost to the Government. NFFE asserts that the contract violates the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 because no cost comparison study was made before the AF decided to contract for such services and because the AF is providing facilities, transportation and supervision for the personnel of the contractor.

The issue raised by NFFE is not one which is appropriate for resolution under the Bid Protest Procedures of this Office. This Office regards the provisions of Circular A-76 as matters of Executive Policy which do not establish legal rights and responsibilities and which are not within the decision functions of the General Accounting Office. 53 Comp. Gen. 86 (1973) and Universal American Enterprises, Inc., B-184555, May 26, 1976, 76-1 CPD 341.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

for 
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General Counsel